

Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Meeting Minutes

Meeting #: 17
Date: October 11, 2022
Time: 7:30 am - 7:51 am
Location: Zoom

Members Present **Deputy Mayor Gosse**
 Councillor Tilley
 Councillor Moores
 Councillor Connors
 Deputy Mayor Gosse
 Councillor Tilley

Staff Present **Liz Davis, Acting Director of Recreation and Leisure Services**
 Natasha Hann, Program Supervisor

1. Facilities, Parks and Open Spaces

1.a Correspondence - Dannic Place Playground

The Acting Director discussed correspondence from a resident regarding the Dannic Place Playground. It was explained that the final draft of the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan would be presented in the very near future, the findings from this Plan will be presented and will encompass current playgrounds and recommendations for future playground plans within the Town. Staff will be following up with the Resident to inform them of this.

Councillor Tilley entered the meeting at 7:33 a.m.

2. Programs and Special Events

2.a Swim Lesson Program - Lifesaving Society

The Acting Director informed the Committee that the current swimming lessons and lifeguarding program provider, the Canadian Red Cross, is transitioning out of these services and they have transferred over their rights to the Lifesaving Society, who will be using their current programming called the Swim for Life Program. Therefore, the Town will now offer the program that is offered by the Lifesaving Society in the future.

These programs have many similarities in terms of the actual swimming levels, the only noticeable difference will be the names of each lesson.

This was provided for the information of the Committee.

Deputy Mayor Gosse entered the meeting at 7:36 a.m.

2.b Registration - Fall Set 2 Swimming Lessons

The Acting Director informed the Committee that Online Registration for Fall Set 2 will open for residents of Conception Bay South at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, November 2. General registration will open on Friday, November 4 at 12:30 p.m. This will be for classes running from November 7 to December 23, 2022.

Classes will run for seven sessions for Monday - Thursday classes, and six sessions for Friday and Saturday for this set. Fridays will have a week short due to the Remembrance Day holiday and Saturdays will have a week short due to the Christmas Eve holiday.

This was provided for the information of the Committee.

3. Important Dates

- October 20 - Seniors Advisory Committee Meeting
- October 26 - Walking for Wellness Boil-Up
- October 28-30 - CBS Bluefins Provincial Swim Meet
- October 30 - Halloween Skate

- October 31 - Seniors Halloween Social
- November 11 - Remembrance Day Ceremony
- December 3 - Santa Claus Parade
- December 3 - Tree Lighting Ceremony
- December 7 - Wreath Making Workshop
- December 8 - Seniors Christmas Social
- December 31 - New Years Eve Skate

4. Potential Problems/Concerns

Nil

5. Additional Items

5.a Obstructed Sightlines at Sweetenwater Cres.

Councillor Hillier raised a concern regarding the sightlines at Sweetenwater Cres. He explained that the trees are blocking the vision of individuals utilizing this street.

The Acting Director will be contacting staff to make arrangements to mitigate this concern.

5.b Future Street Hockey Event

Councillor Connors informed the Committee that there is currently a Street Hockey Event being planned to take place in 2023 and that the organizers will want to work with the Town on this initiative and hopefully have it take place during the summer of next year. It is anticipated that the family responsible for this initiative will be reaching out to the Town as the planning stages progress.

This was mentioned as information for the Committee.

5.c Recreation and Cultural Master Plan

The Acting Director provided an update to the Committee on the status of the Recreation and Cultural Master Plan. It was explained that the final draft of the Plan will be received over the next week or so and once it is, the next step will be a presentation to Council to review the findings and recommendations.

5.d The Growlers

The Acting Director informed the Committee that this coming weekend the Growlers Hockey team will be practicing at the Conception Bay South Arena and following their practice session they will be providing an opportunity for residents to visit and get autographs and photos with the players.

6. Recreation and Leisure Services Committee Report

Be it so resolved that the recommendations and decisions of the Recreation and Leisure Services Committee meeting of October 11, 2022 be accepted as presented.

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- Swim Lesson Program - Lifesaving Society
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- Important Dates
- Obstructed Sightlines at Sweetenwater Cres.
- Future Street Hockey Event
- Recreation and Cultural Master Plan
- The Growlers

Councillor Moores, Chair

Liz Davis, Acting Director of
Recreation and Leisure Services